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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

SUPPORT BRANCH

10 June 1946

SUBJECT: Informal Report on Planning Directive No. 15
(Application of Sampling Techniques to Intelligence).

TO: Acting Chief, Central Planning Staff

1. It has been found that many departments of the Government have used sampling techniques in the normal course of their operations. The technique has been used to a very limited scope in the intelligence field. Both the War Department and the Navy Department are currently considering studies in foreign countries for dual purpose of proving the validity and usefulness of results and to produce data on which intelligence may be produced.

2. In discussion of the problem with department representatives many questions have arisen which can only be answered in a complete survey which can be the result of authoritative advice from each department. These questions concern, among others, the following:

- a. Clandestine operations.
- b. Use of civilian organizations and the effect on security.
- c. Clearance of projects by the Director of Central Intelligence for duplication and necessity.
- d. Allocation of project to agency best equipped.
- e. Use of civilian consultant.
- f. Procedures for interchange of funds for support of surveys.

3. In the next two or three days the Support Branch will submit a draft C.I.G. directive establishing a committee to make the proposed survey and recommend detailed procedures.

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